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Subject: SI and H Experimentation, 21 May 1951 (Room 20, Building 13)

On Monday, 21 May 1951, [redacted] and [redacted] conducted experiments in SI and H between 5:20 PM and 6:30 PM with [redacted] and [redacted] as volunteer subjects.

Since this was their initial experiment and test, they were very thoroughly briefed on the nature of the work, the methods, and, to a certain extent, the ultimate aims of the B problem. All present were cautioned as to the secrecy necessary for these experiments.

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After a further general discussion among [redacted] and [redacted] gave [redacted] the "fall back" test. She reacted very quickly and fell back to the point of being caught. After testing [redacted] also successfully, in the same manner [redacted] gave [redacted] the "hand-arm rising" test and [redacted] again [redacted] responded quite rapidly. Her attention at this point was excellent. After further discussion [redacted] tried the hand rising test on both [redacted] and [redacted] from across the room with the result that [redacted]'s reaction was excellent, but [redacted] was negative.

At this point [redacted] tried the "relaxing" test. After about 10-15 minutes, both [redacted] and [redacted] reached a very light sleep. However, both awakened when [redacted] lifted the hand of each subject. Both [redacted] and [redacted] stated they could remember almost all of [redacted]'s words, but both had a sleepy, "going off" feeling. Both recalled [redacted] moving their hands once whereas in fact [redacted] had moved their hands twice.

Both subjects are considered good material--very intelligent, highly interested and cooperative.

Since both girls seemed perfectly awake after further general discussion, tests were concluded at about 6:30 PM.